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For: METHOD OF ASSEMBLING A FILTER
PLATE

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Official Communication mailed September 24, 2004 (Paper No. 20040922). The Official Communication indicates that the reply to the Restriction Requirement is not fully responsive, because Applicant has failed to elect one of species 1 and 2 as set forth on page 6 of the Restriction Requirement. In the reply to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elected Group I, claims 1-10 for continued examination. As indicated on page 6 of the Restriction requirement, claims 1-10 are all generic claims. Therefore, election of a species would be unnecessary. Nevertheless, in compliance with the directives in the Official Communication, Action and in order to expedite prosecution of the instant application, Applicants hereby elect species 1, shown in FIGS. 5-7.

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would help expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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